Violation of Labour Laws in Bhimtal Region

726. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that factory owners in the Bhimtal region of Nainital district are violating the labour laws by employing workers as 'Trainees' without getting the training programme approved by the Labour department and not paying the wages prescribed under the minimum wages act;

(b) if so, whether Eureka Forbes Limited is one of such factory, indulging in unfair labour practices and exploiting the employees;

(c) whether M|s. Eureka Forbes also harass the employees who leave their jobs by not clearing their dues; and

(d) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government against such factory owners?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

FAO Project for Policy Formulation

727. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing an FAO Project for analysing form level data to provide inputs for policy formulation;

(b) what are the other FAO assisted projects under operation;

(c) whether Government nominate Indian and foreign experts to work on such projects; and

(d) what is the procedure of their selection and various other terms related to such appointments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir. A Technical Cooperation programme project (TCP) titled "policy Analysis using Farm Level Data" signed between Government of India and the FAO on 14.11.1990 is currently under implementation.

(b) A list of other FAO assisted TCP projects under operation is annexed at Statement (*See* below)

(c) and (d) The proposals for nomination of foreign experts to work on TCP projects etc. are received from FAO.

Government of India scrutinises the nominations in consultation with the implementing agency. Experts are selected based on the requirements of the project and their technical suitability judged from their qualification and experience in the respective field. With regard to appointment of National Experts, Government of India nominates suitable experts, on the basis of the recommendations of implementing agencies. The terms for appointments are normally specified in the project agreement.